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Borman Work Progresses to Start Westbound Reconstruction

Westbound Traffic Will Be Shifted Onto Newly Built Pavement Monday Night

LAKE COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces construction is progressing on the I-80/94 (Borman Expressway) and I-65 interchange modification to start reconstructing the westbound lanes.

Beginning Monday evening, crews will begin to shift the current three lanes of the westbound Borman to travel on the newly constructed median lanes. This shift will allow crews to remove existing pavement and begin the pavement reconstruction. Eastbound traffic will remain in its current configuration of three travel lanes.

During this phase, the Central Ave. onramp to the westbound Borman will be closed. Traffic will be detoured to access the westbound Borman at State Road 51 (Ripley Street).

As part of the traffic lane shift, the ramp from southbound I-65 to the westbound Borman will be closed to traffic until Thursday evening while crews set up temporary barrier wall for this next phase. During the ramp closure traffic will be directed to continue south on I-65 to the eastbound Borman to the Ripley St. ramp back to the westbound Borman.

Once completed, the Borman will have four concrete travel lanes in both directions between Central Ave. and State Road 53 (Broadway) with dedicated ramp lanes at the interchanges separated by barrier wall to enhance safety for drivers merging onto the mainline. The Borman will have four travel lanes in both direction from the Illinois State Line to Central Ave. and then merge to three lanes to the Michigan State Line. The Borman is projected to open to unrestricted traffic by the end of November 2010 and anticipated to be complete by June 2011.

INDOT also reminds motorists to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone. The posted speed limit in the construction zone is 45 MPH.

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